Frequently Asked Questions (for volunteering employees)

How long will I be deployed?

A: We anticipate a minimum of 30-day assignments for volunteers. When you are deployed, you should pack for a minimum 30-day stay. See questions below for further information about the timing of deployment.

How will I get to my eventual assigned destination?

A: FEMA will determine assignment destinations following training and will arrange for your transportation from Orlando to your assigned location.

Will the volunteers be given any type of special identification?

A: Yes, volunteers will receive FEMA badges and FEMA T-shirts (organizational clothing).

I'm a Federal law enforcement officer. Should I bring my weapon and badge and credentials?

A: No, please do not bring weapons if you are reporting as a FEMA volunteer. You should bring your agency identification.

Will the volunteers receive any sort of immunization before going to training?

A: FEMA will arrange for immunizations at the Orlando deployment site.

If a volunteer would like to partner with another agency volunteer, can FEMA accommodate "buddies"?

A: Yes. Buddies can be deployed together – just let them know in Orlando.

After my name has been reported as a volunteer, if I should have questions about my deployment, who can I contact?

A: You may refer your questions to your agency POC, or to FEMA at 1-800-440-6728. Please do not call FEMA until you are registered as a volunteer with your agency. This number may also be used by your agency, or family and friends for emergencies once you are deployed as a FEMA volunteer.